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TO: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs
Lead Administrators, Charter Schools

FROM: William J. Hussey, Director ~~2017~~
Exceptional Children Division

RE: PRC 118 Funds to Support Autism Teams

The Exceptional Children (EC) Division allocates PRC 118 funds to support Autism (AU) Coaching Teams. These funds are allocated to strengthen instruction and services for students on the Autism Spectrum. Funds are allocated to LEAs/Charter Schools that accomplish the following:

- 1) Identify an AU Coaching Team
- 2) Complete the AU PRC 118 Strategic Plan application, implement goals identified in the application with fidelity
- 3) Spend funds appropriately
- 4) Submit Mid-Year and End-of-Year (EOY) Expense Reports
- 5) Submit data regarding progress made on the Strategic Plan Goal Report annually

Strategic Plan Goal Report Form for LEAs/Charter Schools Currently Receiving Funding
[CLICK HERE](#) to submit the Strategic Plan Goal Report electronically. All submissions must be completed using the link above by **June 30, 2017**.

Strategic Plan Application for Funding

All LEAs/Charter Schools who wish to receive funding for the 2017-2018 school year must complete a Strategic Plan application. Applications are due **September 1, 2017**, and will only be accepted electronically. [CLICK HERE](#) to apply for AU PRC 118 funds. LEAs and Charter Schools should continue to align their AU Strategic Plans with their LEA Practice Profile. This includes the statewide goal of increasing graduation rates and considering the identified root causes of academic, behavior, and transition/engagement. The application requires teams to focus at least one (1) goal, with a minimum of two (2) action steps, on each of the root causes during the 2017-2018 school year. The EC Division encourages LEAs/Charter Schools to continue work on previously established goals.

Traditional LEAs, whose Strategic Plan application has been accepted, will receive a base amount maximum of \$4,000.00. Charter Schools, whose Strategic Plan application has been accepted, will receive a base amount maximum of \$1,500.00. Funds will be distributed as follows, half during the initial allotment and the other half after the submission of the mid-year report and all requirements have been met. Additional funds up to \$2,500.00 may be available to LEAs/Charter Schools who submit a plan showing how funds will be used to build capacity, along with coaching, that will ultimately increase customized support for students with Autism. The additional funds should only be used to provide professional development to staff working

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with students with Autism. Directions for requesting these additional funds can be found in the application. As in past years, all carryover funds will revert after a 27-month cycle. Any carryover funds remaining from previous years (that have not been spent over the summer months or that are not reverting) will be considered in the formula for the following year's fund allotment.

If you have any questions, please email ncauteam@gmail.com.

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